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Mrs. C. P. Nanney----------Gastonia, N. C.

Mission Study Superintendent

Mrs. Joe S. Wray----------Gastonia, N. C.

Executive Committee

Mrs. W. C. Barrett, Mrs. R. G. Mace, Mrs. W. W. Williams, Mrs. E. E. McDowell, Mrs. E. C. Andrews.

PROCEEDINGS

Bessemer City.

The third annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Gaston County Association convened with the Bessemer City Baptist Church, Tuesday, Oct. 3, 1922, Mrs. H. B. Moore, Superintendent, presiding.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Andrews of Mt. Holly. Song, "All Hail the Power," was sung, after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated in concert. Passages of Scripture, bearing on "Jesus the Savior of the World" were read. Mrs. Andrews in her remarks following the reading of the Scripture, emphasized the grave importance of realizing our responsibility for the unsaved in our own homes and communities.

Song—"Jesus Saves."

Mrs. W. W. Williams, Bessemer City, most graciously welcomed the W. M. U. of Gaston County Association to Bessemer City and the Baptist church of Bessemer City. Miss Velma Culp of First Baptist Church, Belmont, in a very happy manner responded to the address of welcome.

175 delegates and visitors were enrolled. Reports of societies were called for. These reports were exceedingly gratifying and encouraging, all the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Association reporting; six Young Woman's Auxiliaries; 11 Sunbeams and one Royal Ambassador. Many points of encouragement were brought out in the reports, among these being reorganization of the W. M. Society at Ranlo and the organization of five new societies throughout the Association. Reports showed Cramerton as the only church in the Association having a complete organization, W. M. S., Y. W. A., G. A., and Sunbeam Society.

$34.25 was collected for Associational Expense Fund.

Mrs. W. J. Francis, of Belmont, presented the report on the Special Christian Educational Work being done by the W. M. U.

of this Association. Report showed that $99.85 had been contributed to the fund for Miss Cobb, a student at Meredith; $201.13 to the fund for Miss Elmore at Mars Hill. Societies which had not met their pledges to these funds were urged to do so. Strong appreciation of these two young ladies was expressed. Upon motion of Mrs. W. J. Clifford of Gastonia, a collection was taken to help provide funds to enable Miss Elmore to resume her studies at Mars Hill. The collection amounted to $40.45.

Treasurer's report was read and adopted. The Superintendent presented her report, showing progress and activity in the year's work. This was followed by a splendid inspirational address by the Superintendent on "Broadcasting," that was a strong appeal for enlarged service and deeper consecration and loyalty.

The Y. W. A. Conference, led by Mrs. W. C. Barrett of Gastonia, was next on the program. The conference was opened with the song, "He Lives on High," beautifully sung by the Y. W. A. of Bessemer City. Mrs. T. M. McCoy of Mt. Holly, presented the work of the Y. W. A. from the standpoint of a nonmember, in a splendidly prepared paper entitled "What a Y. W. A. Means to a Church."

Mrs. Bennett, of Cramerton, made a very strong appeal for personal service for the Y. W. A. showing its possibilities and the Biblical authority for it. Mrs. Barrett urged the young people present to consecrate their gifts to God and to use the young peoples organizations provided them to fit themselves for better service in His kingdom.

The following committees were appointed:

Plans of Work—Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Mrs. W. J. Francis, Mrs. E. C. Sisk, Mrs. R. J. Morrison.

Time and Place—Mrs. H. Frank Wier, Mrs. J. W. Summey, Miss Velma Culp.

Obituaries—Mrs. J. S. Wray, Mrs. F. L. Ware, Mrs. J. C. Millen.

Resolutions—Mrs. M. L. Barnes, Mrs. O. E. Carothers, Mrs. T. M. McCoy.

Nominations—Mrs. R. G. Mace, Mrs. D. P. Dellinger, Mrs. R. B. Suggs, Mrs. R. L. Sigmon.

Morning session closed with prayer by Mrs. J. S. Wray, of Gastonia.

Adjournment for lunch at 12:15 p. m.

Afternoon Session

Resumed at 1:30 P. M., after a bountiful and sumptuous dinner, served by the ladies of the church in the spacious basement of the new church building, which is not yet completed.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. M. L. Barnes of South Gastonia. Song, "Amazing Grace," was sung. Mrs. Barnes read the Bible story of Sampson and called attention to the source of all strength and urged the ladies to take up the tasks before them in the assurance of this divine strength. Earnest prayer followed these remarks.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rev. F. D. Putman was recognized and as director of the Reinforcement Campaign of the 57-Million Campaign, addressed the Association on the plan and organization recently effected in the State and Association for the collection of the 75 Million pledges unmet and the securing of pledges from those who did not pledge and from those who have come into the churches since the campaign. He urged the co-operation of the women in this undertaking. The Association, by a rising vote, pledged its support to the State and Associational Directors in this compaign.

Mrs. H. B. Moore was appointed W. M. U. Director in Gaston County Association.

A most excellent and comprehensive paper on "What the 75-Million Campaign Has Done," was read by Mrs. McDowell, of Cherryville.

The Mission Study Conference was conducted by Mrs. J. S. Wray of Gastonia. The Conference took the form of a demonstration of a Missoin Study Class, showing first how a class should be conducted. This was very successfully done and it is hoped that this, together with the very earnest appeal for organization of classes, preceding the demonstration, will be productive of the forming of many Mission Study Classes during the year.

Mrs. M. O. Thornburg of Gastonia, conducted the conference on Personal Service. She gave some interesting statistics regarding personal work done in this Association. Miss Addie Leeper, of Belmont, made a strong appeal for Personal Service. Mrs. Waldrop, of McAdenville, in an excellent paper presented "Personal Work on the Foreign Field."

The Sunbeam Conference, conducted by Mrs. W. W. Williams, of Bessemer City, was one of the most delightful features of the afternoon session. Mrs. Williams gave a brief history of the organization and growth of the Sunbeam work. The Sunbeams of the Bessemer City church gave a most charming demonstration of a Mother Goose Missionary Society. It was splendidly given and with its portrayal of many of the weaknesses of members of Missionary Societies it brought to its listeners many helpful lessons.

Mrs. W. J. Francis, Assistant Superintendent of the Gaston County Association, presented her report for the year.

Thirty-five dollars in cash and pledges was secured as an additional amount to be added to the collection of the morning for educational fund for Miss Elmore.

A motion was made and carried that financial aid be rendered Miss Cobb by the Association, that she be enabled to remain at Meredith during the coming year. $200.00 was secured in pledges from the societies represented for this fund.

Mrs. J. M. McCoy presented the following report on Resolutions:

Committee on Resolutions

We, the Committee on Resolutions, recommend the following:

1. We heartily thank Miss Lucy Williams, Mesdames Crown, Richardson, E. C. and J. W. Sisk, who greeted us with so much cordiality at the train and escorted us to the church.

2. Our hearts were thrilled as we listened to the words of welcome from Mrs. W. W. Williams, the pastor's wife. Not only the greeting itself, but the spiritual message she brought to us will linger with all who heard it, for it brought us nearer to our Heavenly Father and gave an insight into the plan He has for each of our lives.

3. We cannot refrain from voicing our appreciation of the work done in making the church beautiful for our reception. It was a joy to the eyes of us all.

4. We feel that words are inadquate to convey our enjoyment of the noonday luncheon. We were ushered down stairs, and behold! a feast was spread. There was enough and to spare for the hungry crowd. It was good to see, but taste proved it better still to eat.

5. We cannot close without thanking our beloved Superin-

tendent for her annual message. It seemed to come straight from the Throne by way of her warm, loving heart. Whatever of good this Association has accomplished is largely due to her leadership.

6. We recommend that these resolutions be spread in the minutes of the Association, that those not present to hear us express our thanks may read them there.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. M. McCOY,
MRS. M. L. BARNES,
MRS. O. E. CAROTHERS.

This report was unaimously adopted.

The following report on Time and Place, presented by Mrs. A. F. Weir was unanimously adopted:

Time and Place

We, the Committee on Time and Place, recommend Loray Church, Gastonia, N. C., as the next meeting place, the time to be the first Tuesday in October, 1923.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. FRANK WEIR,
MRS. J. W. SUMMEY,
MISS VELMA CULP.

Mrs. J. S. Wray presented the following report of the Committee on Obituaries:

Report of Committee on Obituaries

Since our last meeting we have lost four of our faithful and devoted members, Mrs. Herbert Moten, of Sandy Plains, Mrs. A. R. Martin and Mrs. E. O. Webb, of Dallas, and Mrs. C. V. Blake of Gastonia. In the passing of these women, our Gaston County W. M. U. has given up members of consecration and service, who will be missed in the church and in the community in which they lived. Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Martin both served acceptably as presidents of their society for twenty years. Mrs. Blake was president of First Gastonia W. M. S., helping to organize it, and remaining its leader until the Master she served summoned her to her reward. While sensible of the loss we sustain we are grateful for their lives and influence and feel that they have

only been removed from a lower to a higher and brighter sphere where they will continue to love and serve Him.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOE S. WRAY, Chm.
MRS. T. L. WARE,
MRS. J. C. MILLEN.

This report was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. W. J. Clifford presented the following report on Plans of Work:

Plans of Work

The Committee on Plans of Work recommend:

1. That our watchword be: "God is Able."

2. That we earnestly strive to meet our apportionment in the 75-Million Campaign.

3. That the seasons of prayer be emphasized by trying to reach all the women of the church, enroll them as active members.

4. That we continue to support the girl students at Mars Hill and Mededith College.

5. That we emphasize the importance of having a Mission Study Class and taking the examinations in the course.

6. That we emphasize personal service and urge the society secretary to keep a record.

7. That we continue to have a Mission Study Associational Supervisor and a demonstration at each annual meeting.

8. That each society try to organize and foster a new society during the coming year.

9. That the strong societies send out literature to needy places.

MRS. W. J. CLIFFORD,
MRS. W. J. FRANCIS,
MRS. E. C. SISK,
MRS. R. J. MORRISON.

Report unanimously adopted.

Mrs. R. L. Sigmon presented report of the Committee on Nominations:

Nomination Committee's Report

Superintendent—Mrs. H. B. Moore, Gastonia.
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Personal Service Secretary—Mrs. B. Capps.
Y. W. A. Superintendent—Mrs. H. E. Waldrup.
R. A. and Sunbeam Superintendent—Mrs. C. P. Nanney.
Mission Study Superintendent—Mrs. Joe S. Wray.

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MRS. R. G. MACE,
MRS. DAVID P. DELLINGER,
MRS. R. B. SUGGS,
MRS. R. L. SIGMON.

The report was unanimously adopted and the Union rose in a body as an expression of endorsement and appreciation of the present officers.

The hour for adjournment arrived and this, the third annual session of the Gaston County Association, was brought to a close with prayer by Rev. F. D. Putman of Cherryville.

An Appeal

With gratitude to God for the splendid reports for the past year, and as we look upon our new year let us enlarge the great work to which we have committed ourselves.

I urge each Sunbeam Band in the Association to do better work than ever before. That we improve in every way possible.

That we have more R. A's. If you can have an R. A. in your church be sure to organize one and report it.

I also urge you to send in your reports every quarter, and report your Personal Service. Boys and girls send sunshine into many a shady place as they are learning the joy of doing for others.

Remember to have a Mission Study Class. Cultivate mission work among the boys and girls.

We must not fail in our contributions. One object of our work is to train the children to give to the Lord's work.

We make a strong appeal for co-operation in having a still better report at our next associational meeting.

MRS. C. P. NANNEY, Jr. Supt.

Mission Study

Mrs. Joe S. Wray

The importance of mission study cannot be over emphasized. It increases our knowledge, quickens our sympathies, and enlarges our vision. We become more interested, we pray more earnestly, we give more liberally in proportion as we study and learn of the world's needs.

To the end that our women may give more time to this, our executive committee has made it necessary for each society to conduct at least one mission study class each year in order to attain the standard of excellence.

Our association has had very few classes during the past year, but we are hoping for a better record on our next report. Let each society select a consecrated and willing teacher, choose some book recommended by our state W. M. U., and get to work in real earnest. The class may be conducted in whatever manner is best suited to conditions, but in most cases greater interest is maintained when the lessons follow one another closely. Those societies that have a mission study class this year will find themselves well repaid by the increased interest and liberality of the members.

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October 7, 1927

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
GASTON COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL AIM FOR THE YEAR 1928, $10,884.29

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Mrs. D. P. Dellinger---------- Cherryville, N. C.

Treasurer

Mrs. E. E. McDowell---------- Cherryville, N. C.

Young Peoples Leader

Miss Lela Cobb---------- Lowell, N. C. Rt. 1

Chairman Personal Service

Mrs. Ben Guion---------- Gastonia, N. C.

Mission Study Leader

Mrs. L. L. Jessup---------- Lowell, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Mrs. D. P. Dellinger
Miss Lela Cobb
Mrs. L. L. Jessup
Mrs. H. B. Moore
Mrs. E. E. McDowell
Mrs. Ben Guion
Mrs. R. G. Mace
Mrs. Ralph Ray

DIVISION SECRETARIES

Miss Osie Skidmore---------- Mt. Holly-Belmont Division
Mrs. W. T. Baucom---------- Dallas Division
Mrs. C. P. Nanny---------- Gastonia Division
Mrs. L. C. McDowell---------- Bessemer City-Cherryville Division

PROCEEDINGS
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Eighth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Gaston County Baptist Association held with the Cherryville Baptist Church, Cherryville, N. C., October 7, 1927, Mrs. W. J. Francis, superintendent, presiding.

The meeting opened at 10 o'clock with the singing of "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult." Mrs. Edna Harris, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, led in a prayer for divine guidance for the meeting. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. B. H. Carpenter, Scripture James 1:19-27. "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only," was the verse around which Mrs. Carpenter stressed the following thoughts:

1. Indifference between hearers and doers.

2. Discussion of the souls stirring messages from the W. M. U. programs.

3. Questions, What shall we do, Can God trust us, Have we lost our power to do good, How can we do it?

4. Methods, Purpose, Practical, Promotion, Prayer, Power.

After a prayer by Mrs. Geo. Grice that the women might all be doers of the Word, the welcome address was delivered by Mrs. E. E. McDowell and the response was by Mrs. O. W. Triplett.

Roll call of societies was then taken up, each report being read by the delegates appointed to do so and the report together with the money collected for Associational Expense was turned over to the Secretary.

Miss Ora Hull, president South Mountain Industrial Institute was recognized and spoke on the school and its needs. The appeal of the school always grips the audience as she tells of the struggles of the school and the sacrifices which are being made that young people may have a chance in the world.

Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Work of North Carolina, addressed the meeting using as her subject the topic, "We Would See Jesus." In our church work, in our schools, in our aims for our children, in our W. M. U. work, our aim must be to magnify Him, else our vision of the work to be done is a blurred and vague one.

Mrs. W. C. Barrett very ably discussed the Ruby Anniversary Plan. The raising of the fund will be the means of sending back the missionaries who are at home to their work which they had to leave on account of lack of funds to carry on their work.

Mrs. B. Capps rendered a very delightful solo, "The Touch of His Hand on Mine."

The Superintendent appointed the following committees: Time and Place; Nominating Committee; Plans of Work; Obituaries; Resolutions.

The round table discussion was conducted by Mrs. C. P. Nanney, vice-president of the Association, Gastonia, N. C. The following topics were discussed and were directed by Mrs. Nanney; Reports, Personal Service, Apportionment, Standard of Excellence. Mrs. Ben Guion was especially instructive on the discussion of Standard of Excellence.

Dismission by prayer, Mrs. L. L. Jessup, leading.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the Superintendent, Mrs. W. J. Francis. Song, "O Zion Haste," was sung after which Mrs. J. W. Kesterson used as her topic Matt. 5:17. Miss Alda Grayson who was present as missionary from China followed with a very fervent prayer. Mrs. B. Capps delivered a very timely and forceful message on Personal Service. Miss Grayson spoke in a very forceful manner on the topic, "Our Young People."

Mrs. E. V. Hudson, of Cramerton, spoke on the value of our missionary magazines and Biblical Recorder. It would seem that every woman in Gaston County would want to subscribe to our magazines and Biblical Recorder after listening to this splendid talk on the topic.

Mrs. L. L. Jessup presented Mission Study and its importance and the gain which would be ours in getting information from Mission Study.

At this time Mrs. Edna R. Harris, of Raleigh, N. C., Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Work, was called to the chair and presided during the reports of all committees and in her closing message left many suggestions which would benefit our society greatly if carried out. After singing the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the closing prayer was offered by Mrs. Edna R. Harris.

Reports of Committees

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Out of 32 churches in Gaston County Baptist Association we have 23 missionary societies, eleven churches do not have any kind of organization. We have only five Y. W. A. societies, four G. A. societies, two Junior G. A. societies, one R. A. society, 14

Sunbeam Bands. There have been organized this year: 7 Sunbeam Bands, 1 Junior G. A., 2 G. A., 1 Y. W. A. Our apportionment was $8,500 and reports show that we have collected $7,936.26, showing a shortage of $547.13 from last year. The following meetings were attended: Southern Baptist Convention, Louisville, Ky.; North Carolina State meeting, Wilmington; Charlotte Divisional meeting, Lenoir and eight district meetings in our own associaition. The following is number of miles traveled, 2203; letters written, 581; meetings held 20; societies organized, 11; societies visited 18. Our association is divided into four divisions, two of these divisions had four meetings each, one had three meetings, one had one meeting. I wish to thank the divisional secretaries for their loyal support during the year and the untold good accomplished by them. I wish to thank all of the societies for their prompt reports and also want to thank every member of every society for their loyal support and cooperation for the past year. It has been a great pleasure to your superintendent to know you and to work with you.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. FRANCIS.

PERSONAL SERVICE REPORT

W. M. Societies

Garments for the poor	1291
Hours of nursing	871
Literature distributed	1430
Visits to sick	6059
Benevolences	$234.15
Talks with unconverted	179
Religious services held	42
Conversions	13
Bibles given	135
Flowers sent	329
Trays sent	158
Quarts of milk given	133

Y. W. A.

Visits to sick	443

Bibles given	1
Flowers sent	144
Religious services held	4
Literature distributed	124
Garments to poor	51
Trays to sick	18
Benevolences	$4.25
Hours of nursing	20½

G. A.

Visits to sick	65
Good literature	65
Vacation Bible School	5
Quarts of milk	2
Story hours	7
Talks with unconverted	1
Trays sent	6
Flowers sent	15
Garments sent	7
Bibles given	1

Sunbeam Bands

Visits to sick	273
Baskets sent	102
Flowers sent	100
Good literature sent	137
Garments to poor	5
Talks to unconverted	8

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. CAPPS, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

My report as Treasurer of the W. M. U. of Gaston County Baptist Association is as follows:

Receipts

Collections from churches for Association Expense Fund	$ 46.30

Disbursements

Brumley Printing Company	2.10
Loftin & Co.	40.50
	$ 42.60
Balance to date	3.70
Total	$ 46.30

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. E. McDOWELL, Treasurer.

MISSION STUDY REPORT

I wish to report an increase of nine mission study classes over last year. This is encouraging and it is hoped that the coming year may see a great many more.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. L. JESSUP, Chairman Mission Study.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Alexis—Mrs. E. C. Rhyne, Miss Beulah Morris.

Bruington—Mrs. O. W. Triplett, Mrs. F. G. Dawkins, Mrs. B. A. Morris, Mrs. Geo. R. Grice.

Bessemer City—Mrs. Henry Holden, Miss Lucy Williams, Mrs. M. L. Rhyne, Mrs. J. L. Teague, Mrs. W. A. Lindsay, Miss Mildred Adams.

Belmont First—Mrs. Ezra Harris, Mrs. R. B. Suggs, Mrs. W. L. Kennedy, Mrs. H. P. Bryant.

Belmont East—Mrs. B. T. Bumgardner, Mrs. Beulah Cashion, Mrs. T. C. Lanier, Mrs. Addie Cash, Mrs. Essie Ewing, Mrs. R. G. Mace.

Calvary—Mrs. W. A. Marley, Mrs. J. M. Trogdon.

Cramerton—Miss Garnell Pendleton, Miss Dorothea Clifford, Miss Jessie Sherrill, Mrs. E. V. Hudson, Mrs. F. A. Bland, Mrs. B. W. Shepard.

Cherryville—Mrs. Lee Sipes, Mrs. E. E. McDowell, Mrs. Vernon Beach, Mrs. Pearl Moss, ,Mrs. John S. Stroupe, Mrs. Loyd Sumner, Mrs. Marshall Beam, Mrs. J. J. Beach, Mrs. Robert Camp, Mrs. Blanche Beam, Mrs. J. N. Ellis, Mrs. Henry Carpenter, Mrs. L. L. Self, Mrs. David P. Dellinger, Mrs. Vernon Harrelson, Mrs. M. I. Newton, Mrs. Fred Shuford, Mrs. G. J. Bennett, Mrs. Tom Harrelson, Mrs. L. C. McDowell, Mrs. R. J. Morrison, Mrs. Ed Stroupe, Mrs. Tom Stroupe, Mrs. D. C. Upton, Mrs. Steve Stroupe, Mrs. J. T. Allen, Mrs. H. H. Allen, Mrs. N. Lee Mauney, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Wiley Shuford, Mrs. Cliff Stroupe.

Dallas—Mrs. J. W. Summey, Mrs. F. H. Robinson, Mrs. R. J. Durham, Mrs. W. T. Baucom.

Gastonia East—Mrs. A. McCoy, Mrs. D. H. Campbell, Mrs. A. Frank Weir, Mrs. T. L. Cashwell, Mrs. G. C. Moss.

Gastonia Flint Groves—Mrs. A. F. Hedrick, Mrs. J. L. Brackett.

Gastonia First—Mrs. C. W. Abernathy, Mrs. B. Capp, Mrs. W. C. Barrett, Mrs. Jim Moore, Mrs. Ben Guion, Mrs. Geo. Willis, Mrs. W. T. Story, Mrs. J. Henry Craig, Mrs. J. W. Walters, Mrs. W. J. Clifford, Mrs. W. B. Hair, Mrs. F. M. Francum, Mrs. J. H. Miller, Mrs. C. M. Reaves, Mrs. J. C. Owens, Mrs. W. L. Morris, Mrs. C. P. Nanny, Mrs. A. Froneberger, Mrs. A. G. Wallis, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Mrs. D. A. Cline.

Gastonia Loray—Mrs. William Panther, Mrs. Geo. Robinson, Mrs. Carl Robinson, Mrs. Martha Alice Falls, Mrs. J. L. Allison, Mrs. B. T. Robinson.

Gastonia S. Marietta St.—Mrs. L. O. Bunton.

Gastonia Ranlo—Mrs. J. W. Kesterson, Mrs. Van Morris.

Hulls Grove—Mrs. J. J. Waldrop, Mrs. Lizzie Hull, Miss Dora Willis.

Lowell—Mrs. L. L. Jessup, Mrs. R. L. Helderman, Mrs. T. C. Reed, Mrs. L. C. Dellinger, Mrs. G. P. Featherstone, Mrs. R. F. Harris, Mrs. J. A. Sparks.

Long Creek Memorial—Mrs. W. S. Robinson, Mrs. L. A. Holland.

McAdenville—Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Mrs. Eliza Lineberger, Mrs. Rosa Branch, Mrs. Irene Jenkins.

Mt. Holly—Mrs. C. E. Lowrance, Mrs. N. T. Bumgarner, Mrs. W. H. Howard, Mrs. J. L. Skidmore, Miss Osie Skidmore.

Mt. Beulah—Mrs. B. H. Carpenter, Mrs. H. L. Barbee, Mrs. L. A. Barbee, Mrs. B. R. Biggerstaff, Mrs. E. H. Biggerstaff.

Sandy Plains—Mrs. L. B. Jenkins, Mrs. N. A. Jenkins, Mrs. J. C. Millen, Mrs. R. B. Dameron, Mrs. W. E. Beatty, Mrs. W. B. Capps.

Visitors—Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Coresponding Secretary of North Carolina; Miss Ora Hull, President South Mountain Industrial School; Miss Mayme Haggard, South Mountain Industrial School; Mrs. John Lewis, Rutherfordton, N. C.; Mrs. A. L. Grayson, Rutherfordton, N. C.; Miss Alda Grayson, Rutherfordton, N. C., Missionary to China.

W. M. U. ASSOCIATIONAL EXPENSE FUND

Alexis, W. M. S.----$ 1.30

Belmont First, W. M. S.	2.00
Belmont East, W. M. S.	2.40
Bessemer City, W. M. S.	2.20
Bruington, W. M. S.	1.30
Cherryville, W. M. S.	3.00
Cramerton, W. M. S.	2.00
Calvary, W. M. S.	1.00
Gastonia First, W. M. S.	15.00
Gastonia East, W. M. S.	2.00
Gastonia S. Marietta St., W. M. S.	1.00
Gastonia Loray, W. M. S.	2.00
Hulls Grove, W. M. S.	.50
Lowell, W. M. S.	2.00
Long Creek Memorial, W. M. S.	1.00
McAdenville, W. M. S.	1.00
Mt. Beulah, W. M. S.	1.20
Mt. Holly, W. M. S.	2.00
Sandy Plains, W. M. S.	1.50
Ranlo, W. M. S.	----
Flint Groves, W. M. S.	----
Dallas, W. M. S.	----
Center View, W. M. S.	----
Belmont First, Y. W. A.	2.60
Gastonia First, Y. W. A.	----
Bessemer City, Y. W. A.	.80
Cramerton, Y. W. A.	----
McAdenville, Y. W. A.	----
Bessemer City, G. A.	----
Belmont East, G. A.	----
Gastonia First, G. A.	----
Dallas, G. A.	----
Hulls Grove, G. A.	.25
Bessemer City, Sunbeams	----
Belmont First, Sunbeams	1.60
Belmont East, Sunbeams	----
Gastonia First, Sanbeams	----
Gastonia East, Sunbeams	----
Hulls Grove, Sunbeams	.25
McAdenville, Sunbeams	----
Sandy Plains, Sunbeams	----
Bruington, Sunbeams	----
Ranlo, Sunbeams	----
Mt. Holly, Sunbeams	----

Cramerton, Sunbeams ---- ----
Bessemer City, R. A. ---- ----

ANNUAL REPORT OF SOCIETIES REPORTING AT CHERRYVILLE, N. C.

Alexis—W. M. S.	$ 176.31
Bessemer City—W. M. S.	101.05
Belmont First—W. M. S.	265.54
Belmont East—W. M. S.	243.76
Bruington—W. M. S.	191.70
Cherryville—W. M. S.	550.30
Center View—W. M. S.	69.73
Cramerton—W. M. S.	303.72
Dallas—W. M. S.	280.01
Long Creek—W. M. S.	19.25
Gastonia First—W. M. S.	3,689.14
Loray—W. M. S.	575.54
Gastonia East—W. M. S.	176.65
Marietta St.—W. M. S.	108.64
Calvary—W. M. S.	26.40
Flint Groves—W. M. S.	38.36
Lowell—W. M. S.	86.62
Mt. Beulah—W. M. S.	25.70
McAdenville—W. M. S.	250.50
Mt. Holly—W. M. S.	89.00
Ranlo—W. M. S.	77.72
Sandy Plains—W. M. S.	33.35
Hulls Grove—W. M. S.	13.87
Bessemer City—Y. W. A.	22.15
Belmont First—Y. W. A.	76.43
Flint Groves—Y. W. A.	9.00
Gastonia First—Y. W. A.	292.55
McAdenville—Y. W. A.	88.20
Cramerton—Y. W. A.	85.13
Bessemer City—G. A.	4.73
Belmont East—G. A.	16.40
Gastonia First—G. A.	59.55
Hulls Grove—G. A.	2.38
Dallas—G. A.	16.60
Gastonia First—Jr. G. A.	30.41
Bessemer City—R. A.	5.25

Bessemer City—Sunbeams	3.50
Belmont First—Sunbeams	25.35
Belmont East—Sunbeams	3.40
Gastonia First—Sunbeams	23.56
Gastonia East—Sunbeams	28.78
Hills Grove—Sunbeams	1.50
Lowell—Sunbeams	9.10
McAdenville—Sunbeams	26.00
Sandy Plains—Sunbeams	6.65
Bruington—Sunbeams	3.75
Ranlo—Sunbeams	4.65
Loray—Sunbeams	2.10
Mt. Holly (newly organized)	------
Cramerton—Sunbeams	11.53

REPORT OF TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg to report that the next meeting be held at Ranlo, time to be left to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. T. BAUCOM,
MRS. E. C. RHYNE,
MRS. C. A. CALDWELL,
Committee.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to submit the following report: Superintendent, Mrs. W. J. Francis; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. H. B. Moore; Recording Secretary, Mrs. D. P. Dellinger; Treasurer, Mrs. E. E. McDowell; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Ben Guion. Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. L. L. Jessup; Jr. Superintendent. Miss Lela Cobb. Division Secretaries—Belmont-Mt. Holly Miss Osie Skidmore; Cherryville, Mrs. L. C. McDowell; Gastonia, Mrs. C. P. Nanny; Dallas, Mrs. W. T. Baucom.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. V. HUDSON,
MRS. A. McCOY,
MRS. HENRY HOLDEN.

REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolution, big to submit the following:

1. We wish to thank Mrs. E. E. McDowell for her warm words of welcome and join heartily with Mrs. O. W. Triplett in her response.

2. We wish to express our deep appreciation of the elegant lunch served by the ladies of Cherryville Baptist Church, as well as the other kindnesses shown us during the day.

3. We have gained much good from the discussion and wish to thank the Program Committee for their splendid work.

4. We wish to thank Miss Ora Hull, of South Mountain Institute, Mrs. Edna R. Harris, our Corresponding Secretary, of Raleigh, N. C., and Miss Alda Grayson, of Rutherfordton and China for their very inspiring and helpful talks.

5. We sincerely appreciate the splendid work of our Superintendent, Mrs. W. J. Francis, and her co-workers and pledge our loyal support for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. B. HAIR,
MRS. J. W. SUMMEY,
MRS. F. WEIR.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LOAN FUND

It was decided at our annual meeting 1926 with Bruington Church, Stanley, to take pledges for a loan fund for Christian Education, to aid worthy students in securing an education in our Baptist schools, pledges were taken for the amount of $110.00 and the following churches have paid their pledge.

Alexis	$ 5.00	McAdenville	5.00
Cramerton	5.00	Mount Holly	10.00
Belmont East	5.00	Bessemer City	5.00
Gastonia First	15.00	Balance in Bank	13.00

Making a total of $63.00 on deposit.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. J. FRANCIS, Treasurer Loan Fund.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following report:
Resolved since God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove

from our societies the following: Mrs. E. J. Medlin, Bessemer City; Mrs. Ballard, East Baptist, Gastonia; Mrs. Sarah Grigg, Hulls Grove, we bow in submission to His will.

Resolved, that we express our appreciation of the work and effort they put forth whose absence we deplore and whose loss we lament. Resolved that this expression of our appreciation and sympathy be included in the minutes of our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. R. GRICE,
MRS. L. O. BUNTON,
MISS OSIE SKIDMORE.

PLANS OF WORK.

The Committee on Plans of Work recommend:

1. That our watchword be "The Master is come and calleth for thee."—James 11:28.

2. That we strive to meet our Association apportionment.

3. That the societies give to the state expense fund and to the Associational expense fund not less than ten cents per member.

4. That each society foster at least one nearby society.

5. That seasons of prayer be emphasized in each society.

6. That we urge the societies to cooperate with our Superintendent in reaching the goal during the coming year.

7. That we urge each society to have at least one mission study class during the year and report same to the Mission Study Superintendent.

8. That each society cooperate with the W. M. U. plan in reporting their personal service to the Personal Service Chairman.

9. That we enter heartily into the Ruby Anniversary Campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. P. NANNY,
MRS. J. L. TEAGUE,
MRS. E. E. McDOWELL,
MRS. B. CAPPS.

In Memoriam

MRS. E. J. MEDLIN
BESSEMER CITY

MRS. BALLARD
EAST BAPTIST, GASTONIA

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